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Letter dated 17 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of my Government, I wish to report that the United States of America has taken action in Libya to capture Ahmed Abu Khattalah, a senior leader of the Libyan militant group Ansar al-Sharia-Benghazi in Libya. Abu Khattalah will be presented to a United States federal court for criminal prosecution.

As is well known, the United States Temporary Mission Facility and Annex in Benghazi, Libya, were attacked in September 2012, and the United States Ambassador to Libya and three other Americans were killed. Following a painstaking investigation, the United States Government ascertained that Ahmed Abu Khattalah was a key figure in those armed attacks. The investigation also determined that he continued to plan further armed attacks against United States persons.

The measures we have taken to capture Abu Khattalah in Libya were therefore necessary to prevent such armed attacks, and were taken in accordance with the United States' inherent right of self-defence. We are reporting these measures to the Security Council in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I ask that you circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Samantha **Power**
United States Ambassador to the United Nations

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